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SUBJECT: CIVAIR; CIVIL AVIATION FACILITIES PLAN 1975

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1. VENEZUELA'S DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS ANNOUNCED AN AMBITIOUS FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR 1975 WHICH FORESEES THE INVESTMENT OF BS. 50 MILLION IN THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT. THIS PROJECT IS IN ADDITION TO A BS. 200 MILLION AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE SAME YEAR BY THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS, MOSTLY FOR CIVIL WORK.

2. BS. 20 MILLION ARE TO BE INVESTED IN THE PURCHASE OF VORDME INSTALLATIONS. TWO ILS WILL BE INSTALLED IN MARACAIBO AND THE NEW AIRPORT OF MARGARITA. LA FRIA IS TO RECEIVE APPROACH AND RUNWAY LIGHTS., TOWERS ARE TO BE ERECTED IN CAICARA DEL ORINOCO AND THE CARACAS METROPOLITAN AIRPORT PRESENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR GENERAL AVIATION. FIRE PREVENTION AND CRASH SERVICES ARE TO BE INSTALLED AT 16 AIRPORTS AND THE EQUIPMENT FOR THEM HAVE TO BE PURCHASED. BARQUISIMETO AND MARACAIBO WILL HAVE APPROACH CONTROL FACILITIES. AN ADDITIONAL NAVAIDS EVALUATION AIRCRAFT WILL BE PURCHASED.

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3. PURCHASE OF ALL OF THIS EQUIPMENT WILL BE MADE FROM LOCAL

AGENTS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE BUT U.S. MANUFACTURERS
NOT REPESENTED AT PRESENT SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO SEND
BROCHURES OR OFFERS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDDDRESS:
SENOR JESUS R. BLANCO VILLANUEVA, DIRECTOR DE AEROVIAS
NACIONALES, DIRECCION DE AERONAUTICA CIVIL, MINISTERIO
DE COMUNICACIONES, ESQUINA DE CARMELITAS, CARACAS.,
VENEZUELA.

4. COMMENT FOR FAA; THIS PLAN IS CONTRARY TO THE
RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY AN ICAO ASSISTANCE GROUP IN 1973,
ACCORDING TO WHICH THE DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS
SHOULD NOT INSTALL MORE EQUIPMENT UNTIL IT HAS SUFFICIENT
PERSONNEL IN NUMBERS AND IN EXPERTISE TO MAINTAIN THE
PRESENT FACILITIES. WHILE A TRAINING PROGRAM IS BEING
DRAWN UP, IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT SUFFICIENT MAINTENANCE
AND OPERATIONS PERSONNEL WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE
END OF 1975, PROVIDED TRAINING STARTS IMMEDIATELY.
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